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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Akihiro ARAI

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For: OPTICAL HEAD AND OPTICAL DEVICE PROVIDED WITH
OPTICAL HEAD (As Amended)

Examiner: Aneeta Yodichkas

Art Unit: 2627

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CLARIFICATION OF IDS SUBMITTED ON JANUARY 11, 2010

Sir:

On January 11, 2010, applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) citing references recently identified in a corresponding foreign application. Unbeknownst to the applicant at that time, a Notice of Allowance was issued -- the same day.

Under the conditions in which the IDS was filed, the applicant stated that the IDS was being filed "before the mailing date of either a final action or a Notice of Allowance".

The applicant now believes the statement may have been technically inaccurate since the IDS was filed and Notice of Allowance was issued on the same day. Applicant wishes to make clear on the record the circumstances under which the IDS was filed.

Applicant hereby wishes to clarify that the IDS was filed on the same day as the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. The required certification still applies. As it is uncertain whether applicant is required to pay a fee for submission of the IDS, applicant is simply including payment herewith.

The references cited in the IDS have already been considered as noted in the Official Communication mailed on January 19, 2010. Thus, applicant believes no further action is required.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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